GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA

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BIRD HIT INCIDENTS
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the incidents of bird hits on the planes are increasing in the country;

(b) if so, the details of incidents of bird hits on the planes reported during the last one year in the country;

(c) whether the factors responsible for increase in bird hits have been ascertained;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the steps taken by the Government to face the challenges of such factors responsible for increase in the bird hits on the planes?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL)

(a), (b), (c), (d) and (e):- A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement referred to in the parts (a) to (e) of the Lok Sabha Starred Question No. 107 for 22.11.2007 regrding `Bird Hit Incidents`.

(a) and (b) :- No, Sir. As against 189 bird hit incidents reported in the year 2005, only 167 bird hit incidents were reported in the year 2006.

(c), (d) and (e):- While bird hits have not increased in number, measures have been taken to reduce/eradicate bird activity at the airports. Airfield Environment Management Committees have been constituted at those airport where scheduled flights operate to identify the sources of bird attraction and take remedial steps for prevention of such incidents. Various specific steps such as proper disposal of garbage, prevention of water logging, coverage of garbage bins, establishment of modern abattoirs, scaring of birds etc. have also been taken to reduce the incidence of bird hits.